

REMARKS

Claims 18, 20, and 30-43 have been rejected by the Office under section 103 as obvious. All rejections made by the Office are hereby traversed. Claims 19, 21, 23-27 and 29 have been objected to as being allowable for depending from rejected base claims. However, it is noted that claims 21 and 27 are in independent form and are treated as allowed for purposes of this response.

Acknowledgment by the Examiner with regards to the allowability of claims 19, 21, 23-27 and 29 is gratefully acknowledged. Amendments to rejected claims have been made, based upon the understood allowable subject matter of the allowed and allowable claims, to place the rejected claims in condition for allowance. These amendments have been made to provide the Assignee of the present application the ability to promptly proceed with enforcement efforts based on the subject matter herein to maximize potential realizable revenues.

Claim Amendments Based on Claim 19 Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 18 has been amended to include allowable subject matter of its dependent claim 19. Claim 19 has been canceled. Specifically, claim 18 now recites a first circuit, a second circuit and an electrostatic discharge protection device that comprises a low voltage trigger control portion that triggers at a voltage of less than 10 volts.

Claim 33 has been amended to include limitations from its dependent claim 39 and allowable subject matter similar to that identified in previously presented allowable claim 19. Specifically, claim 33 now recites a thyristor comprising a voltage trigger control to provide a thyristor triggering current at a voltage of less than 10 volts, a first voltage reference node coupled to a first circuit, and a second voltage reference node coupled to a second circuit. Claim 39 has been canceled.

New claim 55 includes limitations similar to previously presented independent claim 21 and allowable subject matter similar to that identified in claim 19. Specifically, claim 55 recites a first circuit, a second circuit, and an electrostatic discharge protection device comprising a

voltage trigger control portion coupled to provide a thyristor triggering current at a voltage of less than 10 volts.

Claim Amendments Based on Claim 19 Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 21 has been identified as allowable. Claim 21 recites a first circuit, a second circuit, and an electrostatic discharge protection device operable to provide a capacitance of less than 120 Femtofarads. It is understood that at least the capacitance limitation specified in claim 21, in combination with the first and second circuits, provides specific non-obvious subject matter. New claim 50 includes limitations similar to those previously presented in claim 18 and allowable claim 21. Specifically, claim 50 recites a first circuit, a second circuit, and an electrostatic discharge protection device operable to provided a capacitance of less than 120 Femtofarads.

New claim 72 includes limitations similar to those previously presented in claim 33 and allowable claim 21. Specifically, claim 72 recites a thyrister operable to a capacitance of less than 120 Femtofarads, a first voltage reference node coupled to a first circuit, and a second voltage reference node coupled to a second circuit.

Claim 29 has been amended to provide proper antecedent support and not to narrow its scope.


New claims 44-49, 51-54, 56-71 and 73-84 depend from various allowable independent claims 18, 21, 27, 33, 50, 55, and 22.

In that each and every claim contains subject matter, believed to have been identified by the Examiner, withdrawal of the rejections under section 103 is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to issue a formal Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees beyond those identified are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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